

Air Force leaders remember

9/11, Air Force Birthday

(Editor's Note: The following messages are from Air Force Secretary James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff, General John Jumper.)

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – “On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost (because of) the heinous actions of terrorists in New York,



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the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and many other countries lost their lives.

“This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost, and we pay tribute to those answering freedom’s call to combat terrorism around the world.

“Your efforts over the last three years have been phenomenal. You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed al-Qaida and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democratic government could take root.

“Our superior total force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen continue to brilliantly answer America’s call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

“Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more

than 3,000 people on Sept. 11, are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life, believe in liberty and welcome democracy as the people’s voice.

“Let’s remember those who are deployed in harm’s way to defend the American way of life. And, let’s ensure their families are taken care of while they’re away from home.

“As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

“Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America.”



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“Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world’s greatest air and space force! Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments. We’ve broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

“Since our inception on September 18, 1947, America’s Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

“Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned. We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

“You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and again, happy birthday!”

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Chief's Corner

The Challenge Coin: It's a tradition

As members of a proud Air Force Reserve, we have a responsibility to carry on military traditions and to understand our heritage. At times this can become confusing if no one has explained the background of some traditions. The following is an explanation of the challenge coin.

DOUG GILDROY, CMSgt, USAFR
939 MOF Superintendent

History of the Challenge Coin

During World War I, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale or Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze carrying the medallions in a small pouch about his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he es-

caped. However, he was without his personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in that sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners. His French captors recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion and delayed long enough for him to confirm his identity.

Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became a tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through a challenge in the following manner – a challenger would ask to see the coin. If the challenged could not produce his coin, he was required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged him. If the challenged member produced his coin, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued throughout the

war and for many years after while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.



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Three presented at August UTA

Marx wins four Air Medals

MSgt Steven Marx was presented with three of the four Air Medals he won while on duty in Iraq, during the July UTA.

The Air Medal is awarded for meritorious achievement in aerial operations, for heroic acts in aerial operations against an armed enemy, or for merit in operational activities. Marx was cited for his performance while assigned as an HC-130 Combat Search and Rescue Loadmaster with the 407th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, 332d Expeditionary Operations Group, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Tallil Air Base, Iraq from March to July 2003.

During the four month period MSgt Marx and his crew flew 62 sorties supporting

Operations Iraqi Freedom under combat conditions. They assisted in the rescue of military members from behind enemy lines, refueled rescue helicopters, supported re-supply and redeployments for the A-10 fighter aircraft, often coming under enemy fire.

Marx, a Portland native who holds a BS from Oregon State and an MBA from Portland's City University, entered the Navy Reserve in 1971 after the draft lottery tagged him with a "six." "It's the only lottery I've ever won," he said.

He switched from the Navy Reserve to the Army National Guard and Air National Guard before settling on the Air Force Reserve.



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Congratulations

Civilian

PROMOTIONS

Keith Barber
Connie Gaudette
Scott Anderson

939AMXS
939MSS
939MSS

WELCOME

Gregory Rachel
Benjamin Ashment
Scott Anderson
Richard Scott

939MXS
939AMXS
939MSS
939MXS

Military

WELCOME

Col William Flanigan
MSgt Daniel Sassen
TSgt Nathan Brown
SSgt Eric Frye
SSgt William Koenig
SSgt Terrance Lane
SSgt Matthew Matos
SSgt Kristian Vegvari
SrA James Cabrera
SrA Sean Sammis
A1C Gloria Cannon

939ARW
939MXS
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939MXS
939AMXS
83APS
939MXS
83APS
939OSF
939CF
939CES

A1C Jennifer Linn
A1C Jennifer Lister
A1C Aaron Ralph
A1C Justin Hall
A1C Leslie Montgomery

939SVF
939OSF
939AMXS
939CES
83APS

AWARDS

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt James Eddings
TSgt Scott Light

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Col William Flanigan, 939ARW Commander, presents Maj Michaela Payton of the wing Military Equal Opportunity office, with the Meritorious Service Medal in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



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Col William Flanigan, 939ARW Commander, presents SSgt Jason Halley of the command post, with an Academic Achievement Award for his accomplishments while attending the Air Mobility Command, Command and Control course at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



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Col Donald Cavin, 939ARW Vice Commander, presents Maj Jerry Parrish, wing staff judge advocate, with the Meritorious Service Medal in a ceremony held during the July UTA.



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Col Donald Cavin, 939ARW Vice Commander, presents Capt Duane Hinkle, wing financial management, with the Air Force Commendation Medal in a ceremony held during the July UTA.



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Col Donald Cavin, 939ARW Vice Commander, presents SSgt Tim Senter with the Meritorious Service Medal in a ceremony held during the July UTA.



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Col Donald Cavin, 939ARW Vice Commander, presents TSgt Michael Burke with the Air Force Commendation Medal in a ceremony held during the July UTA.



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MSgt Eric Berggren, 939th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is re-enlisted by Col Randell Schultz-Rathbun, wing inspector general, in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



photo by SMSgt Jay Jahangiri

TSgt Jackie Neale of the 939th Maintenance Squadron, is re-enlisted by Maj Barbara Dobroth, maintenance squadron commander, in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



photo by Nedra Kawasaki

Lt Col Randy Ogden is presented with the Air Force Commendation Medal by Lt Col Craig Allison, operations flight commander, in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



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TSgt Keith Stevens, 64th Air Refueling Squadron, is presented the Air Medal by Lt Col Craig Allison, operations flight commander, in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



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1st Lt Sam Fenstermacher of the 939th Operations Support Flight is presented with a Certificate of Completion by Lt Col Craig Allison, operations flight commander, in a ceremony held during the August UTA. The certificate is for Fenstermacher's completion of the Air Force Modular Intelligence Training Course.



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CMSgt Michael Steinbach and Capt Duane Hinkle, both of the wing finance office, show off master sergeant shoulder boards newly awarded to their colleague, former TSgt Steven Jensen. Jensen was promoted in a ceremony held during the July UTA.



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TSgt Leonard Tandberg of the 939 Maintenance Squadron, retired from his military duties and was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal in a ceremony held during the August UTA. Maj Barbara Dobroth presided.



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Maj Eric Schadler, 939th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, presents SSgt Dwayne Lee with the Air Force Achievement Medal in a ceremony held during the August UTA.



photo by MSgt Ed Angle

MSgt David Craig (standing foreground), Chief of Information Systems for the wing's 939th Communications Flight, instructs MSgts Ann Trimm and Jeff Craig (seated) and SrA John Budiao (standing background) during the August UTA's quarterly information management training.

Connor M. Lee, being held by his father, SSgt Dwayne Lee, 939th Civil Engineer Squadron, was presented with the wing's Young Heroes Award in a ceremony held during the August UTA. Connor was presented the award for his courage in facing multiple surgeries to correct birth defects in his feet. With him are his grandmothers (left to right) Marcia Lee and Margret Peterson, and mother Michelle.



photo by Maj Karen Magnus

Help create a better world

Use tools for tolerance

By Maj Michaela Payton
939 ARW/MEO

Reading the newspapers today brings up a wealth of emotion for me. I continually read stories about people being beaten and killed because they are different than those who attacked them. The world is full of people that seem to resent anyone who is not just like them, who believe a little (or lot) differently than they do. Why? What are they afraid of? I can't change other people, but I can do something about myself and my "fear of the unknown."

While doing some research on the internet, I ran across www.tolerance.org. It's an interesting website that has something for everybody: kids, teachers, business leaders, and everyone in-between. One of their articles is "101 Tools for Tolerance." I haven't listed the entire 101 ideas, but here are a few that I thought worth mentioning if you are at all interested in expanding your level of tolerance to those who are different than yourself:

- Attend a play, listen to music or go to a dance performance by artists whose race or ethnicity is different from your own
- Volunteer at a local social services organization
- Shop at ethnic grocery stores and specialty markets. Get to know the owners. Ask about their family histories
- Participate in a diversity program
- Ask a person of another cultural heritage to teach you how to perform a traditional dance or cook a traditional meal
- Learn sign language
- Take a conversation course in another language that is spoken in your community
- Speak up when you hear slurs. Let people know that biased speech is always unacceptable
- Research your family history. Share information about your heritage in talks with others
- Read a book or watch a movie about another culture
- Invite someone of a different background to join your family for a meal or holiday
- Give a multicultural doll, toy, or game as a gift
- Assess the cultural diversity reflected in your home's artwork, music and literature. Add something new
- Take the family to an ethnic restaurant. Learn about more than just the food

- Affirm your children's curiosity about race and ethnicity. Point out that people come in many shades
- Hold a "diversity potluck" lunch. Invite co-workers to bring dishes that reflect their cultural heritage
- Examine the degree of diversity at all levels of your workplace. Are there barriers that make it harder for people of color and women to succeed? Suggest ways to overcome them
- Fight against the "just like me" bias – the tendency to favor those who are similar to ourselves
- Vary your lunch partners. Seek out co-workers of different backgrounds, from different departments, and at different levels in the company



Senior 939th NCO returns to Vietnam

Duke will aid in MIA search

by Roger Edwards

SMSgt Richard Duke, 939th Maintenance Operations Flight, is the first member of the Air Force Reserve to be requested to join a Missing in Action Field Recovery Team sponsored by America's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC).

"I'll be going back to Vietnam in October as a team augmentee," he said, "using my training in Archaeology to help recover the remains of our fallen brothers-in-arms."

Duke brings special skills to the mission. "I became involved in Vietnam as a 19-year old Marine in 1966," he said, "and became interested in the country then. I've been back a number of times over the years, studying Southeast Asia's early Funan civilization, the precursor of the Khmer civilization of Cambodia."

The senior master sergeant moved to Hawaii after being released from the Marines. While there he joined the Air Force Reserve. He also re-enrolled in school. "I earned my degree in Anthropology at the University of Hawaii," he said, "and have remained interested and active in the field since then."

His knowledge and ability in anthropology and archaeology, as well as his experience as a rescue aircraft loadmaster, brought him to the attention of the JPAC. Based on his civilian and military background, JPAC was prompt in issuing an invitation for him to join their October mission

to Vietnam. While in-country, the team will attempt to recover MIA evidence from five sites. Duke equates this mission to his 50 plus combat search and rescue missions during the Iraqi air war last year.

The JPAC mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing as a result of our nation's conflicts. Teams consist of from 14 to 18 military members and one civilian. The civilian is the anthropologist. Re-

maining members have skills ranging from explosive ordinance disposal to mountaineering – skills that have proven their worth in exploring sites where military men and women may have died.

Teams are dispatched to sites where remains have been sighted or where research has indicated remains might be located. They are dispatched to sites from America's conflicts ranging back to World War Two. It's a big job. Today, one American is still missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II. Sites are found in Europe, Africa, the Persian Gulf area, Southeast Asia and on Pacific

islands. Teams can be found on the mountainous backbone of Papua New Guinea, in China and India and Burma.

"I've been associated with the military for almost forty years now," said Duke. "I started my career during the Vietnam conflict. I am both humbled and honored, as I near the end of my career, to return to Vietnam and help reunite our MIAs with their families."



photo by Roger Edwards

SMSgt Richard Duke



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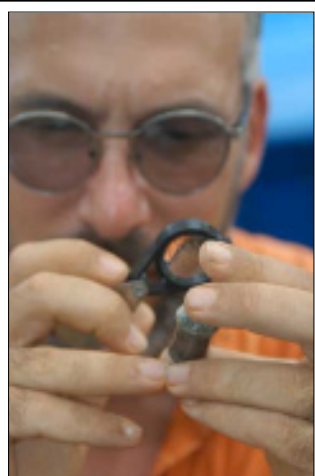


The mission is to bring Americans home

JPAC works world's remote corners

by Roger Edwards

Every American has seen news reports of the return of the remains of American military men and women from the far places of the world.



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Members of a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Field Recovery Team use skills ranging from Archaeology to Explosive Ordinance Disposal to Mountaineering to search out and recover the remains of American MIAs where-so-ever in the world they might lie. A JPAC anthropologist (above) uses a high powered macro lens in an attempt to recover a serial number from material found at a recovery site in Quang Tri, Vietnam.

There is a command responsible for those returns. It is the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). Its mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's conflicts. Their highest priority is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.

The 425-person unit, located on Oahu, Hawaii, was created on October 1, 2003, from the merger of the 30-year old U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii; and the 11-year old Joint Task Force – Full Accounting. The men and women of this command methodically go about their business;

identifying potential remains sites, arranging permission to dispatch teams to identified sites, investigating the sites, recovering remains, identifying recovered remains and returning those remains to their families.

Sites have been identified in, and remains recovered from, France, Germany, Russia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, North Korea, China, Papua New Guinea, Burma and other nations where Americans have fought and died since World War II. It's a big job. More than 88,000 Americans are missing since the beginning of World War II (approximately 43,000 were lost at sea or entombed in sunken vessels and are not recoverable).

When remains are recovered, they are returned to Hawaii where they are taken to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory, the largest forensic anthropology laboratory in the world. There, using traditional and modern techniques, technicians determine the identity of the remains. They may use serial numbers off of equipment recovered with the remains, they may use dental records. They may resort to genetic testing.

While the laboratory identifies two Americans a week on average, the recovery and identification process may take years to complete. Once identification has been made, cases are forwarded to the appropriate service mortuary affairs office, which will then notify the family and make arrangements for the return.



U.S. Air Force Photo

Recovered remains of American service men and women are brought to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Forensics Laboratory in Hawaii for identification before being returned to their families. Each is greeted with a respectful ceremony upon arrival.

It's an annual event

Camp changes lives for the better

by Maj Karen Magnus

For the first time a member of the 939th Air Refueling Wing participated in a life changing experience, not only for himself but for the children who participate in this annual event.

Capt Duane Hinkle, Financial Management Officer for the 939th, spent a week at Camp Rosenbaum in July at Camp

supplies they will need for the coming year.

A big part of the experience is the relationships these kids build with the counselors and other camp staff members.

The kids know nothing about what their counselors or staff members do in civilian life. They just have the opportunity to build relationships without any preconceptions. Since many of the counselors and staff are police officers or military members, and these children already have very

negative experiences with authority figures, the last day of camp when their counselors and staff come in wearing their uniforms, the impact on these kids is absolutely enormous. For the first time they have had an incredibly positive and emotionally bonding experience with people that they previously only viewed in negative terms. For many of these children this week at Camp Rosenbaum and the relationships built there are such life changing experiences that the course of their lives is dramatically changed for the

better. One of the best things about camp Hinkle said is, "Watching the kids react to all these new experiences and transition in their demeanor at the start when they are quiet until the end, when they have opened up and are having fun and don't want to leave."

The motivation to create "Camp Rosenbaum" came from

Rilea with about 160 kids. He is known at camp by his nickname, "Moneybags". For 34 years Camp Rosenbaum has given more than 4,000 children from low-income housing a memorable experience many of us take for granted – summer camp. But this is no ordinary camp. The 9 to 11 year-old boys and girls who attend each year come from Housing Authorities throughout Oregon and Vancouver, Washington. In addition to making sure the kids have a magnificent experience, the mission of Camp Rosenbaum is to show these children they can choose to live a better life away from the troubled paths of dropping out of school, crime, gangs, drugs and violence. The curriculum focuses on instilling the values of good citizenship, building self-esteem and emphasizes a strong anti-drug theme and gang resistance program. Camp Rosenbaum's goal is to empower children to take responsibility for their lives, make the right choices, and turn away from the allure of trouble. What they reinforce is the hope and direction for a better future. According to Hinkle, "Everyone works hard to make sure that week is about the kids. The attitude is – no matter what – no kid will go without, everything is about them."

Thanks to Nike, Powell's Books and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund each child returns home to start the school year with a brand new pair of Nike athletic shoes, clothing, several new books and a backpack full of all the school



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its founder Fred M. Rosenbaum who served as Chairman of the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) for many years as well as Brigadier General in the Oregon Air National Guard working in the assignment of Assistant Adjutant General of the State of Oregon.



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photo by Camp Rosenbaum staff member

It was in 1968 when Fred Rosenbaum, then a Major in the Oregon Air National Guard came up with a wonderful idea – why couldn't we bring the kids from the Housing Authority to Camp Rilea so they could have a summer camp? Starting with a \$750 budget, a small group of cooks and counselors, a couple of footballs and some Frisbees, 75 boys attended the very first "HAP Camp." A second camp was held the following summer but lacking proper financial and personnel resources the logistical problems were too difficult to continue.

In 1971 General Richard Miller, commander of the Oregon National Guard asked Fred to write an operations plan and revive the children's camp. Fred identified the kind of support he required and General Miller made sure he got it. With National Guard resources, staff and private donations, HAP Camp flourished under Rosenbaum's direction to become an annual event for the Housing Authority children.

In 1985, Governor Vic Atiyeh renamed HAP Camp to "Camp Rosenbaum" to reflect the efforts of its founder, now Brigadier General Fred Rosenbaum. Since then, it has evolved into a unique partnership staffed by members of the participating Housing Authorities, the Oregon National Guard and the Portland Police Bureau. The camp has received national acclaim over the years, winning the numerous awards. To learn more about Camp Rosenbaum and how you can participate, please go to their website at www.camprosenbaum.org.

Voting is your voice, voting is your duty

by Roger Edwards

America will be voting for a new president in a few months, and for people to fill various elective positions ranging from senator to seats on local school boards.

Elections play a major part in the continuing evolution of our nation's history. Elections are the part of that evolution that allows direct participation of every franchised citizen.



Voting is your right and responsibility – and your say in what our nation does and what our nation becomes.

Voting can be easy or hard. It depends upon how seriously you take it. You might spend your time researching the issues, analyzing voting records of the candidates and being a knowledgeable, well informed voter. Or you

might simply find out how

a person with views opposite your own intends to vote and cast your vote to cancel his.

The voting process is simple and begins with registering.

If you are not already registered, both Oregon and Washington make it incredibly simple. Fill out a registration card and mail it in. That's it. You don't have to get dressed up, report to any government offices, take any tests or pay any extra taxes. You don't even have to go out to get the card. You can call and ask that one be mailed to you, or you can download it from the internet.

A simple Google search; voter registration Oregon or voter registration Washington; will result in many "hits." Right at the top of the list, under both searches, is the Secretary of State voter registration page. Check these pages out, print out and fill in the appropriate card, mail it in and – on election day – get out and vote!

(Editor's Note: In a recent Chief's Sight Picture, General John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, notes that the Air Force is working to facilitate the voting process. "We have also created a user-friendly voting link called "Airmen Votes" on our Air Force Link website for you and your families to use. The "Airmen Votes" icon on the Air Force Link website, www.af.mil, will guide you to all the information you need to register to vote, file an absentee ballot request, and send in an absentee ballot. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a postcard and mail it in. Guidance is available for all states and territories and for those Airmen living overseas.")

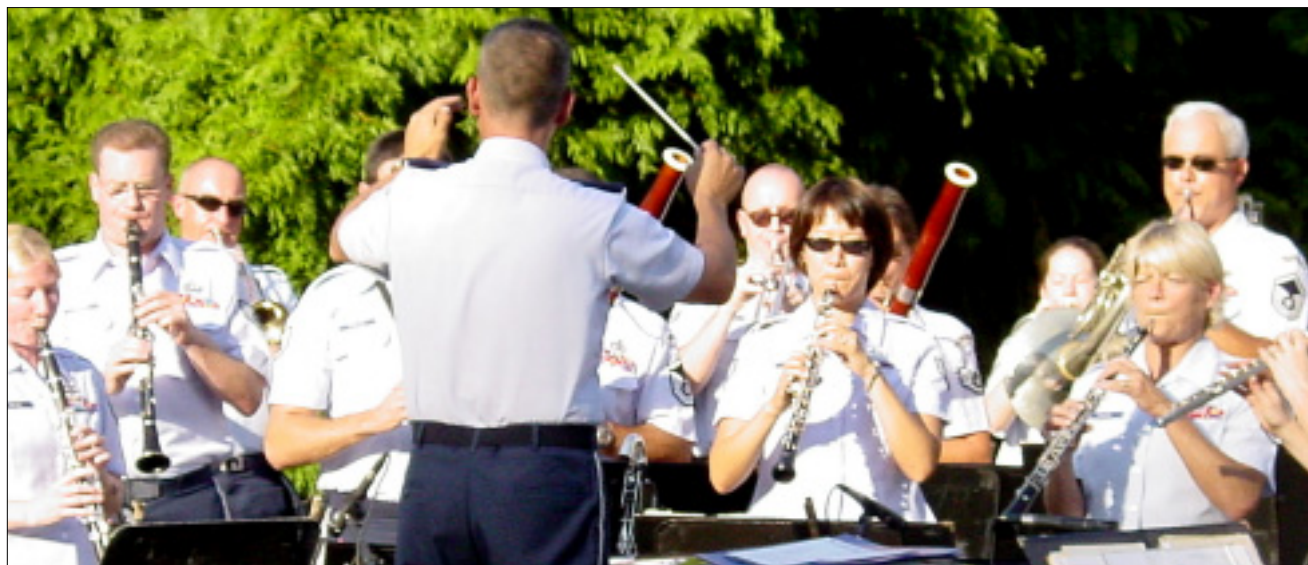


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The Air Force Band of the Golden West was in Portland in August, representing the Air Force and everyone in uniform. They provided the final performance for the Washington Park Summer Festival at the Rose Garden Amphitheater Stage. Performances over the 16-day period of the Festival ranged from classic rock to soul, from reggae to western swing. On August 16, the Band of the Golden West performed music ranging from classical to march to Broadway.

Mount Hood DAR awarded \$1,000 by Newman's Own

The Mount Hood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is one of 16 volunteer organizations from around the nation to be awarded a cash prize on August 24, for their work supporting America's military communities. The prizes, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each, were presented to the organizations in the fifth annual "Newman's Own" awards competition. The prizes are awarded for the year's most innovative plans to improve the quality of life for the military community the organization supports.

The award, sponsored by Newman's Own Inc., Fisher House Foundation Inc., and the Military Times Media Group; was developed to increase awareness of the many private organizations which are devoted to service to their military communities.

Representatives of the Mount Hood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were presented with



photo by Rudi Williams

"Newman's Own Inc., is the 'perfect recycler' – it earns money and gives it back," said Tom Indoe, the company's chief operating officer. His comment came during a ceremony in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes honoring 16 volunteer organizations with the Newman's Own Award on Aug. 24.

a \$1,000 prize for their program – "Family Support Center School Supplies." This program provides school supplies for the children of activated reservists of the 939th Air Refueling Wing and the 304th Rescue Squadron.

According to 939th Family Support Director Linda Jager, this is the third year the DAR has done this program for the wing. "They provide backpacks for the kids, and fill them with an assortment of school supplies ranging from paper and pencils to notebooks, rulers and loose leaf binders," she said. "This season we expect to give out about 70 of the backpacks."

David A. Coker, executive director of Fisher House Inc., served as master of ceremonies at the presentation in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. According to him, the three sponsoring organizations issued a challenge to all private organizations serving our military communities: Present an innovative plan to improve the quality of life for your military community and receive funding to carry out that plan.

The awards ceremony was hosted by Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, who assisted in presenting the \$50,000 in grants to the winning organizations. He said that this marks the fifth year the three organizations have partnered to make the Newman's Own Award possible. "In five years, they've donated \$225,000 in grants, and forty separate organizations have received those grants."

The money has all gone to improve the quality of life for those who serve the nation.

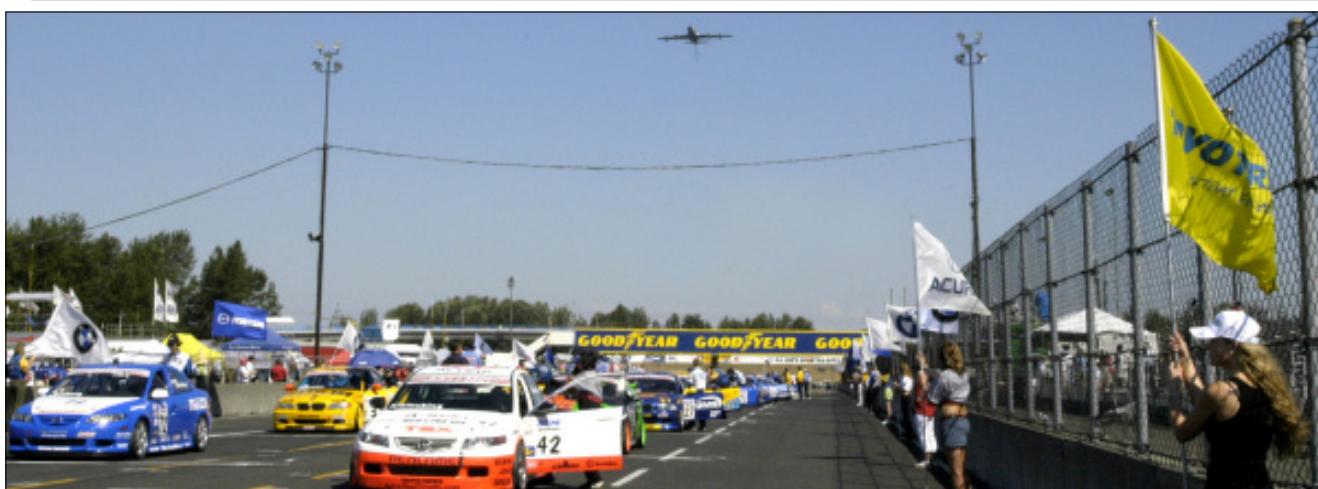


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The Air Force Reserve's "World Challenge Jet Car" put in an appearance on the July 24 weekend at the American LeMans Series World Challenge Race, Portland International Raceway. In support of the public affairs effort, the 939th Air Refueling Wing did a flyover of the track and wing recruiters set up and manned a booth to distribute Air Force Reserve literature and talk with potential applicants concerning a future in the Air Force Reserve. MSgt Gerald Case of the intelligence section of the 939th Operations Support Flight, sang the National Anthem at the event.

Watch your political activities

by Roger Edwards

In a presidential election year many people become enthusiastic supporters of one or the other candidate. They may believe strongly in the message espoused, support the party represented or simply find one to be physically, mentally or philosophically attractive. They may channel their enthusiasm into activities supporting their chosen candidate.

That's fine for the average American citizen. It may not be fine for those in the uniformed services or the civilian employees who support the uniformed services. In an article written in March, Melenda Loftin, the Air Force associate general counsel for fiscal and administrative law, said "Members of the armed services are encouraged to carry out their obligation of citizenship by voting. But while on active duty, they are prohibited from engaging in certain political activities." She continued by saying they cannot participate in the management of partisan politics or be part of a political campaign or convention. They cannot be a candidate for

political office, conduct political opinion surveys, march or ride in partisan parades or participate in organized efforts to transport voters to the polls (see

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123007287>).

"Service members can express their personal opinions on candidates for office," she said, "but they must ensure their opinions are reflections of themselves and not of the military."

Other things they may do in general include:

- Register, vote and express their opinions (but not as a representative of the Armed Forces).
- Attend partisan and non-partisan meetings or rallies – but not in uniform.
- Join a political club or organization and attend its meetings – but not in uniform.
- Serve as a non-partisan election official if it doesn't interfere with military duties and is performed while out of uniform and with the prior approval of the Secretary of the Air Force.
- Sign petitions.
- Display political stickers on private vehicles

Both military members and civilian employees are prohibited from displaying a political sign, sticker or button

in a government office or while using a government vehicle; engaging in political activity while on duty, while wearing an official uniform, using a government vehicle or in any government office. There are some restrictions on soliciting, accepting or receiving political contributions as well.

Generally, civilian employees may attend (but not host or sponsor) political fundraisers, assist in voter registration drives and they may drive voters to the polls. They can also act as a recorder at a polling place and campaign for partisan candidates.

According to the Office of the 440th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate things are a bit more relaxed for members of the Reserve and Guard. Although members who are serving on active duty for more than 30 days must comply with active duty rules concerning political activities, those on active duty for less than the 30 day period follow the guidelines in paragraph 8 of AFI 51-902 which states that "All reservists and guard personnel must refrain from participating in any political activity while in uniform and from using government facilities for political activities."

The instruction also says that reservists and guard members not on extended active duty (active duty under a call or order of a period in excess of 180 days) may campaign for and hold partisan or nonpartisan civil office

if the office is held in a private capacity and does not interfere with the performance of military duties. When campaigning for elective office, members must be careful to avoid using their military status as a political selling point.

As for civilian employees, whose political activities are governed by the Hatch Act, the 440th JAG says that they should not engage in political activities on government time or at the workplace. Civilians are also prohibited from campaigning for nomination or election to public office in a partisan election.

They do, however, have more leeway than military members in engaging in off-duty activities (see the above web site and the Joint Ethics Regulations – or consult with the 939th Air Refueling Wing Judge Advocate Office if you have questions).

The basic guideline for a reservist trying to be politically active is: Don't wear your uniform during any political activity, and don't give the appearance of, or engage in conduct that might in any way imply involvement or endorsement by the Air Force.



Civilians may not engage in political activity while on duty.

New traffic safety laws in effect

by Michael J. Clarke
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There has been new legislation passed since January 1 that is now being implemented around Oregon. These new laws are laws that all of us need to obey. Here are the three being focused on and enforced (that means fines).

The first of these is the law establishing a 20 mile per hour speed limit, 24-7, 365-days a year, in most school zones. The law distinguishes between those school zones adjacent to roadways with speed limits of 30 mph or less and those with speed limits of 35 mph or greater. I have been checking school zones around Portland, and have discovered that most zones have been changed over to the 20 mph at all times rules.

In addition, other school zones (those adjacent to 35 mph or greater speed limits and crosswalks away from school grounds) may post hours when the 20 mph speed zone is in effect or may use "When Flashing" signs to indicate a 20 mph speed limit. The other sign, "When Children are Present," is limited only to crosswalks away from school grounds.

The Portland Police Bureau's East Precinct and its school police officers wrote 13 citations and 12 warnings during an hour-long pedestrian sting operation at a Southeast Portland crosswalk. Officers watched as drivers ran the crosswalk at Southeast Washington Street and 108th Avenue while one pedestrian stood on the side of the road waiting to cross. In other cases officers watched cars enter the crosswalk even while pedestrians were in it.

Police chose this location because it is a route used by students who walk to Floyd Light Middle School on Washington Street, and because they have had many complaints about the spot.

On August 10th, during a sting at Northeast 122nd Avenue and Gilson Street, Multnomah County sheriff's

deputies wrote 66 tickets on drivers for failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. It was the same in Gresham on Aug. 3.

The rule is that when a pedestrian approaches a crosswalk you stop. You do not proceed until the person has completely crossed to the other side!

This is a high fine item!

A lightly publicized law which took effect January 1st, says motorists must "maintain a safe distance from an emergency vehicle or ambulance" stopped on or beside a road with lights flashing. The law requires drivers to move out of the lane next to the emergency vehicle or to slow down if there is no other place to go. During a recent eight-hour period, police made 299 traffic stops. About half of those were for failing to maintain a safe distance from a police vehicle. Fines ranged from \$250-\$300.

Be safe. Be aware for everyone's safety.



photo by Roger Edwards

Attending the recent Northwest Joint Service Family Program Meeting, hosted by the 939th Air Refueling Wing's Chief of Family Services Linda Jager and her staff, were (back row left to right) Renee Weglage and Sgt. Danny Broughton of the Army Reserve's 104th Division Family Program, Vancouver Barracks; Jay Evans, 301st Fighter Wing Family Support Director, a guest from Fort Worth, Texas; 939ARW Chaplin, Lt Col John Crippen; and Diane Gooding, Oregon State Family Program Coordinator for the Oregon National Guard Bureau. Also attending were (front row, left to right) Mary Bell, 142d Fighter Wing Air National Guard Family Program; Linda Jager; and Charity Hines, Tri West Beneficiary Representative. Those attending the meeting were briefed on the program changes at Tri West, and discussed problems faced by Family Service units and possible solutions.



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Ask Sergeant Look Sharp

Question of the month...

What is the order on your blues for badges? Is it ribbons, flight crew wings and maintenance badge or is it ribbons, maintenance badge, and flight crew wings? Do you wear a name plate on the blues? IF so where does it go? What is the reference that covers this?

Aircrew Wings always go on top, followed by badges, and then your ribbons. The new name tag is worn on the blues above the right welt (Fake Pocket)

Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory. Others are optional. Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch above the top row of ribbons. Center additional badge 1/2 inch above first one. Wear highly polished badges only.

Center ribbons resting on but not over edge of welt pocket. Wear three or four in a row. Wear all or some.

Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and centered, and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket.

EXCEPTION: Missile and missile maintenance badges are worn 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and centered. Wear highly polished badges only.

Reference: AFI36-2903
Chapter 2 – Fig 2.2
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Did you know...?

A maximum of ...

four earned badges may be worn on all blue service uni-

forms. A maximum of two badges are worn on the left side of uniform above ribbons or pocket if ribbons are not worn. Wear only aeronautical, occupational, and miscellaneous badges in this location.

Reference: AFI36-2903
Chapter 5 – Table 5.1 Pg 120

Acronym of the month...

TA - Table of Allowance

Reference: AFI36-2903
Attachment 1 - Pg 100

Term of the month...

Service Cap Insignia - Nickel antique finish with polished highlights.

Reference: AFI36-2903
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Editor's Note: In July's FFT, Sergeant Look Sharp reported concerning eye ware with the uniform. The report was in error. According to the very most recent update to AFI 36-2903, there have been a few changes. Please note the following:

- *Authorized conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses; Frames may be black or brown material or gold/silver wire; brand name eyeglasses may be worn with small logo on frames of the lens; logo must be same color as frames or lens.*
- *Authorized ware of conservative wrap around sun glasses; Frames may be black or brown material; brand name glasses may be worn with small logo on frames or lens; logo must be same color as frames or lens.*

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